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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: THOMAS HERMANN SCHROEDER  
Application Number: 10/665,086  
Filed: September 17, 2003  
Docket Number: THOMAS SCHROEDER  
For: ERGONOMIC STRINGED INSTRUMENT  
Art Unit: 2837  
Examiner: Donels, Jeffrey

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2005, the Advisory Action mailed January 20, 2006, as well as phone conversations on December 15, 2005, and February 1, 2005, Applicant requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims**

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

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**Remarks/Arguments** 01 FC:2251

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